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TREASURY APPROPRIATIONS/Ammunition Clips

SUBJECT: Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1999 . . . S. 2312.
Campbell motion to table the Feinstein amendment No. 3351.

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 54-44

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 2312, the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1999, will provide \$29.924 billion in new budget authority (BA) for the Department of the Treasury, Postal Service, Executive Office of the President, and various independent agencies. This amount is \$4.598 billion more than provided in fiscal year (FY) 1998, and is \$3.095 billion more than requested. The large increase in funding is due to the addition of \$3.270 billion in contingent emergency funding to address the year 2000 (Y2K) computer date change conversion problem.

The Feinstein amendment would ban the importation of large capacity ammunition feeding devices. (The domestic production of large capacity feeding devices, defined as devices that can hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition, has been banned in the United States since 1994. The importation of such devices was also banned in 1994, except for devices that were manufactured before the date of the ban. The Feinstein amendment would remove that exception.)

During debate, Senator Campbell moved to table the amendment. A motion to table is not debatable; however, some debate precede the making of the motion. Generally, those favoring the motion to table opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to table favored the amendment.

No arguments were expressed in favor of the motion to table.

Those opposing the motion to table contended:

In 1994 a ban was passed on 19 semiautomatic weapons that were commonly used to commit crimes. At the same time, a ban

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YEAS (54)			NAYS (44)			NOT VOTING (2)	
Republicans (49 or 91%)	Democrats (5 or 11%)		Republicans (5 or 9%)	Democrats (39 or 89%)		Republicans (1)	Democrats (1)
Abraham	Hutchison	Baucus	Chafee	Akaka	Kerrey	Helms- ^{3AY}	Harkin- ^{4AN}
Allard	Inhofe	Bingaman	D'Amato	Biden	Kerry		
Ashcroft	Kempthorne	Breaux	DeWine	Boxer	Kohl		
Bennett	Kyl	Hollings	Jeffords	Bryan	Landrieu		
Bond	Lott	Leahy	Lugar	Bumpers	Lautenberg		
Brownback	Mack			Byrd	Levin		
Burns	McCain			Cleland	Lieberman		
Campbell	McConnell			Conrad	Mikulski		
Coats	Murkowski			Daschle	Moseley-Braun		
Cochran	Nickles			Dodd	Moynihan		
Collins	Roberts			Dorgan	Murray		
Coverdell	Roth			Durbin	Reed		
Craig	Santorum			Feingold	Reid		
Domenici	Sessions			Feinstein	Robb		
Enzi	Shelby			Ford	Rockefeller		
Faircloth	Smith, Bob			Glenn	Sarbanes		
Frist	Smith, Gordon			Graham	Torricelli		
Gorton	Snowe			Inouye	Wellstone		
Gramm	Specter			Johnson	Wyden		
Grams	Stevens			Kennedy			
Grassley	Thomas						
Gregg	Thompson						
Hagel	Thurmond						
Hatch	Warner						
Hutchinson							

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

1—Official Business
2—Necessarily Absent
3—Illness
4—Other

SYMBOLS:

AY—Announced Yea
AN—Announced Nay
PY—Paired Yea
PN—Paired Nay

was passed on large capacity ammunition feeding devices. That ban allowed dealers to sell off their existing stocks of such devices. It also allowed them to continue importing large-capacity ammunition clips if they were manufactured before the effective date of the ban and if they had a bill of lading. That exception was to allow dealers to recover their expenses for clips they had already ordered. Four years later, we find that the exception is being abused. In the last 2 years 8.8 million of these high-capacity clips have been imported. The Feinstein amendment would close this loophole by eliminating the exception. We urge our colleagues to vote in favor of this amendment.